

Special Open Door Forum

Recovery Audit Contractors: 3 Year Demonstration Project

RESCHEDULE Notice

NEW DATE and TIME:

November 18, 2005

1:00 -3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

CMS has been contacted by several external stakeholders interested in attending this Special Open Door Forum (ODF), who have noted that the previously scheduled meeting date conflicts with other national meetings.

In order to better ensure health care provider, supplier, and beneficiary advocate participation, the ODF will be rescheduled for Friday, November 18, 2005.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently implemented a new demonstration project using Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) as part of CMS' efforts to ensure accurate payments. Under the conditions of this three-year demonstration project, the RACs will review Medicare claims to identify improper-Medicare payments that have been made to healthcare providers and that were not detected through the prepayment review process. The RACs will review claims processed in the states of California, Florida and New York.

CMS is holding this Special Open Door Forum to provide a broad audience of health care providers, suppliers, and beneficiary advocates, with an opportunity to review the purpose and scope of this demonstration project, to allow for further public discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the RACs, and to give a better understanding of how they will conduct their operations during this three-year demonstration. The forum will begin with an update of the RAC demonstration, and will then transition into an open question and answer period with CMS policy experts and with the RAC contractor representatives from the three states.

We look forward to your participation.

Open Door Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID **1661424**:

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ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687

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The recording begins November 21st, and expires after 4 business days.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (Listserv registration) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at:

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